



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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At its meeting held January 4, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is conducting a Homeless Count of Los Angeles County on January 25, 26, and 27, 2005, which will include an actual street count of homeless individuals. Previous estimates of the number of homeless individuals in Los Angeles County have been derived from census and governmental administrative records.

“The County and City of Los Angeles have co-sponsored a local campaign to end homelessness, *Bring Los Angeles Home*, which involves partners from government, business, social services and faith-based organizations, and the homeless/formerly homeless community. LAHSA’s 2005 Homeless Count will establish a baseline of the homeless population in Los Angeles County that can be used to track progress towards ending homelessness. The Homeless Count also will increase awareness of homeless issues as well as generate new data and public support for solutions to homelessness.

“In addition, LAHSA is responsible for applying for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Funds on behalf of Los Angeles County. In 2004, such funds provided over \$50 million for homeless services in Los Angeles County. The most recent Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance application requires local jurisdictions to provide a point-in-time count of all homeless individuals as of January 2005, and to utilize a street count in the process.

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“LAHSA has contracted with Applied Survey Research, a nonprofit research organization with experience leading homeless enumeration efforts in several jurisdictions, to guide the Homeless Count. However, success of the street count will depend on cooperation from public agencies and a strong turnout of both paid homeless workers and volunteers. LAHSA estimates they will need 1000 volunteers. In December 2004, LAHSA sent letters to many County departments soliciting support for the Homeless Count, including requests for information and volunteers.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board proclaimed January 23 through 29, 2005 as “Homeless Count Week 2005” and requested the Directors of the following County departments and agencies to support the Homeless Count by cooperating with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), encouraging volunteers and responding completely and in a timely manner to LAHSA’s request letters soliciting support for the Homeless Count: Sheriff, Public Social Services, Child Support Services, Public Library, Mental Health, Health Services, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, Children and Family Services, Public Works, Community and Senior Services as well as the Community Development Commission, Chief Information Office, Chief Administrative Office, Los Angeles County Children’s Planning Council, Policy Roundtable for Child Care, and the Office of Education.

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Chief Administrative Officer	Director of
County Counsel	Children and Family Services
Director of Public Social Services	Interim Director of Public Works
Director of Child Support Services	Chief Deputy Director of Community
County Librarian	and Senior Services
Director of Mental Health	Executive Director,
Director of Health Services	Community Development Commission
Interim Director of	Chief Information Officer
Parks and Recreation	Superintendent of Schools

Letters sent to:

Sheriff
Chair, Policy Roundtable for Child Care
Executive Director, Children’s Planning Council
Executive Director, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority